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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: Arvig Telephone Company and Blackduck Telephone Company Joint
Petition for Waiver; CC Docket No. 96-45

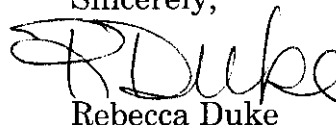
Dear Ms. Webber:

This is in response to your request of October 9th for further information with regard to the Joint Petition for Waiver filed by Arvig Telephone Company ("Arvig") and Blackduck Telephone Company ("Blackduck"). You asked that we forward to you information on the amount of Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS) that Blackduck, as the acquiring carrier, will be eligible for with regard to the Ash River exchange (116 lines) in Northern Minnesota in connection with its acquisition from Arvig, the selling carrier.

Based on information provided by Blackduck, if the Ash River exchange is included in Blackduck's study area, the ICLS would be \$8,500.00 per year, which is similar to what the ICLS would be in the Arvig study area.

If you need any other information, please contact me at (202) 828-1857.

Sincerely,


Rebecca Duke

cc: Marlene Dortch
Secretary, FCC
John Coleman (for Blackduck Telephone Company)

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